



Sunday 10th January – The Baptism of Jesus

Read: Mark 1 :4-11

John had been baptising people all across Jerusalem – telling people they needed to repent, but also reminding them that someone else was coming to save them. Someone very important. That person was Jesus.

When Jesus came to John to be baptised John was shocked – he wasn't good enough to untie Jesus sandals never mind baptise him! When Jesus was baptised, the heavens opened and God's voice was clearly heard saying 'This is my son, the beloved, with you I am well pleased.'

Watch: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= VMNO2MAmwA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMNO2MAmwA) (Saddleback Kids)

Who was John? What did he do? Where did he do it? Why was Jesus there? Why did John not want to baptise Jesus? What happened after Jesus had been baptised? What did it mean?

Do:

Wordsearch -

https://sermons4kids.com/baptism_jesus_matthew_wordsearch.htm?fromSermonId=79

Colouring page - <https://sermons4kids.com/baptism-of-jesus-colorpg.htm?fromSermonId=79>

Craft - <https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2014/03/01/jesus-baptism/>

Pray:

God, thank you for the story of Jesus Baptism – John was a faithful servant and prepared the way for Jesus. Help us to follow his example. Amen

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.

Keep them by your side.

May they be safe and peaceful, in you may they abide.

Give wisdom to the doctors and nurses too we pray,
renew their strength and bless them for the work they do each day.

Send healing and restoration and let them feel your love.

May your Holy Spirit give them rest as gentle as a dove. Amen (taken from Praying Together)

Share:

Ask a family member if they have any memories of a baptism – what can they tell you about it?



Sunday 17th January – Jesus and Nathanael

Read: John 1:43-51

After Jesus had been baptised, he started his ministry. After spending time in prayer, he started to find his disciples. Some were fishermen and others who were tax collectors. Some did not know a lot about Jesus, but others had been travelling and learning with John. Philip and Nathanael were there when Jesus came to Galilee. Philip came across Jesus and was so excited he had to tell his friend. 'We have found him!' Nathanael had his doubts, so the two men went to see. As they approached Jesus he started talking about Nathanael – things that he could not have known unless he was God. Nathanael was amazed but Jesus didn't know if he believed simply because he saw and heard or if he believed because of his faith but he promised him more was to come – 'you will see greater things than these.' Nathanael went and saw many amazing things.

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIs9BruuGOQ> (Kids on the Move)

Where did Jesus meet Philip and Nathanael? Why was Philip so excited? Why was Nathanael not impressed? What did the two men do? What did Jesus do when he saw them? What happened next? What would you have done?

Do:

Crossword -

https://sermons4kids.com/tell_your_friends_about_jesus_crossword?fromSermonId=479

Colouring page - <https://www.jesus-without-language.net/?s=Nathanael#big-img-45-Colouring-page>

Craft - <https://www.jesus-without-language.net/nathanael-john-1-make-2/> (Jesus without language)

Pray:

God, Nathanael decided to go and see – help me to see what you want me to see – point me in the right direction.

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Share:

Go for a walk and take time to look at what is around you – what can you see? What can you smell? What can you touch? What can you hear? Take time to say thank you to God for his creation.



Sunday 24th January – Jesus calls his disciples

Read: Mark 1: 14-20

Jesus had 12 disciples and had called them from different walks of life. Last week we learnt about Nathanael. Today Jesus met Simon and Andrew while they were fishing. He also called James and his brother John. All these men were fishermen, but Jesus was giving them a chance to become 'fishers of men'. All four men dropped everything they were doing and followed Jesus.

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhIwTU9RbxY> (Saddleback Kids)

Where was Jesus walking? Who did he find on the shore? What did he ask the disciples to do? What happened when Peter was fishing? What did Jesus call the disciples to be?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-c31M7nECI&list=RDR0jpyeRpRq4> (Kidsway Channel) – listen to this song and join in!

Do:

Wordsearch - https://sermons4kids.com/fishing_for_people_wordsearch.htm

Colouring page - <https://sermons4kids.com/fishers-of-men-color-pg.htm>

Dot to Dot - https://sermons4kids.com/happy_fish_dot2dot.htm?fromSermonId=480

Maze - https://sermons4kids.com/fish_maze.htm?fromSermonId=480

Pray:

God, help me to follow you, just as the disciples did. Amen.

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Share:

Find out how to make an origami boat – use the internet or ask a grown up. Make some and have a race with them. Think about how hard it would have been for the disciples to leave their boats to follow Jesus.



Sunday 31st January – Jesus performs a miracle

Read: Mark 1: 21-28

Jesus ministry had begun! He had been baptised, called his disciples and was now starting to do God's work on earth. He started his work by teaching in the synagogue. Everyone was amazed at what Jesus said but also by how he said it. Jesus taught with authority. The people had not heard teaching like this before.

Jesus did God's work in other ways as well - helping others and healing the sick. Jesus performed lots of different miracles – can you think of any examples?

Jesus was able to do all these things because of the authority of God.

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8u-ICIHAmKk> (Cross Road Kids)

Who was Jesus? What did he do on earth? How old was he when he started his work on earth? How was he able to do all these things? Why did he come to earth?

Do:

Wordsearch - https://sermons4kids.com/who_is_in_control_wordsearch.htm?fromSermonId=143

Colouring page - <http://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/jesus-drives-out-an-impure-spirit-mark-121-28>

Word Jumble - https://sermons4kids.com/who_is_in_control_jumble.htm?fromSermonId=143

Multiple Choice - https://sermons4kids.com/who_is_in_control_choice.htm?fromSermonId=143

Pray:

God, you are all powerful and amazing! Amen

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.

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Share:

Play a game of follow the leader – take it in turns to be the leader. Remember that God is the ultimate leader in our lives.